

Powell Township Park & Recreation

3/10/26 Agenda

P.O. Box 319

Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 3/10/26

Time: 6:39

Members: Present Absent Excused

Kelly Cain -secretary present

Coty Sorby-Co-Chair present

Kelli Santilli -Secretary absent

Alita Miller absent

James Miller present

Sven Gonstead present

Heidi Shatz chair present

1. Approval of Agenda **MOTION** sven heidi 2nd (5 aye, 0 nay)
2. Additions & Approval of Minutes **MOTION** Sven Kelly C 2nd (5 aye, 0 nay)
3. Financial Report: none for now until we maybe have Sharon just put it in the mailbox. Kelly and Heidi went to budget meeting. Things look good.

Public Comment:

Presentations:

1. 5 Year Recreation Plan/Passport Grant- Dotty LaJoye, Director at CUPPAD
 - Certified minutes received tonight.
 - We don't know where the plaque is for the post completion report. Dotty is seeing what we need to do to bypass the Trust. Fund plaque.
 - Heidi **MOTION** to close out the Burns Landing Grant by ordering the MNRTF plaque \$250 from Trail Services monies. Coty 2nd. (5 aye, 0 nay)

Needs:

- Dotty needs PTBoard to pass a resolution to commit to the 25% matching funds.
- Updated Sight control documentation from Levi
- Levi needs to log in and submit the grant when all docs have been submitted by April 1 hard deadline.

- Letters of support: Kelly we have 5
- Punch List: Sven needs cost of sides for the pavilion but it is almost done

Grants

1. Passport Grant-Draver Park Update (just what is above)
2. Safe Routes to School
 - a. Not much has happened. 2/10/26 Sven, Mike, Denise, Levi addressed concerns the school system had.School concerned about

liability, commitment, and programming (coordinator). Who is responsible for hiring and financing project engineer. Proposed route is from school to Crams on east or west side of the road.

New Business

1. Budget: discussed above
2. Easter Egg Hunt: March 28
 - a. Sven **MOTION** cancel for this year due to trash pick up being at the township hall and Draver Park still being under too much snow. Heidi 2nd (5 aye, 0 nay) .
3. Parks Clean up: In conjunction with Dash for Trash May 9.
4. School Basketball Court: will be on the school board agenda to transfer ownership back to the Township so Parks and Rec can write a grant to improve to become pickleball court and tennis court.

Old Business

1. Action Plan: Who will take over? Heidi
2. Volunteers list: Did we get ahold of Linda? Heidi will do
3. Facebook "meet the committee" posts
 - a. Pic and write up something about you and why you are on Parks and Rec
4. Big Bay Relay: needs/honey bear wrap up
 - a. Largest Honey Bear ever 114 participants
 - b. \$2707.61 after expenses
 - c. Big Bay Relay: We have the sponsorship forms
 - d. We need people to solicit sponsors
 - e. Ending at Perkins Park
 - f. Marcia is getting everything submitted
5. Draver Park Ribbon Cutting: needs/progress
 - a. \$390 budget, lists made of invitations, everything is on track
6. Meat Raffle Update: Heidi
 - a. Super One can put together a package \$500 prize limit
 - b. \$5 raffle fee
 - c. One basket \$300 value
 - d. **MOTION** Heidi moves to spend \$800 for meat raffle from donated funds. Sven 2nd. (5 aye, 0 nay)
7. Other Fundraising Ideas: discussion: We can't rent things that are funded by DNR grants. They must be open to the public. So the pavilion on the beach can not be rented, but possibly Draver Park pavilion can because it was not built with DNR funds. Ask Huron Mountain Club for funds?
8. Millage discussion: EMS millage or Parks and Rec millage. Suggested that Levi come to the parks and rec meeting to discuss how to best approach.
9. Communication Manulife regarding the Big Bay Pathway: Manulife emailed NTN asking if the Big Bay pathway was being used as NTN wasn't keeping up on communication with Manulife regarding usage of the property.
10. BBSC MOU discussion: next steps: Kelsey is going to share it with the Township and Planning Commission next.
11. Auger was more expensive than anticipated due to shipping and inflation. Coty makes a **MOTION** \$800 to fill the funding gap if we can find the money in our account. Heidi 2nd. (5 aye, 0 nay)

Reports

Parks and Trails Manager (Coty)

gravel was delivered.

Lumber will be here Friday.

BBSC Liaison- (Kelsey)

Dash for Trash, May 9 Going to include the 550 corridor. Kelsey asks for help with information for the community for all of the moving parts with trash, recycling, etc.

Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Sven)

No report

Burns Landing ()

none

Draver Park (Committee)-

none

Thomas Rock (Committee)

none

Concert Series (Sven)

June 11 Piper Road String Band

Fire on the Bay Soul Reflection: Josh's Band

August 13 Delta Bones

\$3910 actual budget

Native Garden- (Coty and Heidi)

Citizens for Clean Lake Superior has a new director, so not sure how much the new director will be as involved.

Looking into Master Gardener Program

Will maybe need more

Fundraising: meat raffle

Parks and Recreation Community Outreach

Have write up to Kelly C by end of April for Facebook.

Action List:-no report

Public Comment: Darlene Turner spoke on the importance of Parks and Rec. and the importance of millage for Parks and Rec.

Sharon wants to know if a board member wants to go to a conference in Traverse City for a Township conference with different types of classes.

Easter Egg Hunt would be the same day as dump day.

Marcia says that the trails and beautification has been drawing the neighbors to come to their property more.

Sven spoke on community wellness and the importance of working with the BBSC to keep our community from keeping it's integrity.

Steve spoke on the ribbon cutting and the possibility of having a color guard. Marti will help with getting ROTC and everything together just needs date and time for a flag ceremony. Sven has 1:05

MOTION made by Sven to adjourn. Heidi 2nd (5 aye, 0 nay)

Time meeting adjourned: 8:35
Next Regular Meeting:4/14/2026
Minutes Prepared by: Kelly Cain

Powell Township Annual Programing/Events Last Edited: 11/24

Fishing Derby (Second Weekend in February)
Honey Bear Classic (Second Weekend in February)
Easter Egg Hunt (1st Saturday before Easter)
Thomas Rock Spring Clean-up (1st week of May)
Burn's Landing Spring Clean-up (1st week of May)
Draver Park Spring Clean-up (1st week of May)
Big Bay Relay (3rd Saturday of May)
Softball Tournament (June 24-26, 2022)
1st Summer Concert (2nd Saturday in June)
July 4th Parade (July 4th)
July 4th Softball Tournament (Weekend After July 4th)
Fire On The Bay (Saturday after July 4th)
2nd Summer Concert (Saturday After July 4th)
3rd Summer Concert (1st Saturday in August) Labor
Day Softball Tournament (Labor Day weekend)
Harvest Festival (3rd weekend in September) 4th
Summer Concert (4th weekend in September)
Christmas Tree Lighting (1st Saturday in December)